

North Halton Rides New van service launched

"Get on our bus and leave the driving to us." That's the slogan of a new transportation program for seniors and people with disabilities that was launched last Friday.

North Halton Rides will service clients in Milton and Halton Hills, transporting them to day programs, medical appointments, shopping and visits to seniors' centres within and between the communities.

The program will be operated by the Milton branch of the Canadian Red Cross and managed by Halton Hills Community Support and Information.

Joan Barham, chair of the North Halton Community Transportation Committee and executive director of Halton Hills Community Support and Information, said the program offers independence.

"It's going to empower seniors and people with disabilities to get where they want to go and do what they want to do," Barham said at the launch, which was held at Allen-dale.

While the Red Cross previously had a volunteer driving

program in effect, it was primarily for medical appointments, and vehicles were frequently filled to capacity.

For the new program, a 10-passenger van with room for three wheelchairs was donated by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and will be added to the three vehicles the Milton branch of the Canadian Red Cross already has.

Fares range from about \$6 to travel to the day program at Allendale to \$25 for a ride to Guelph.

The wheelchair-accessible vans will provide service from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, although group charter trips can be arranged outside of regular hours.

To use North Halton Rides, clients must register with the Milton Red Cross. They then call to reserve their rides two to eight working days in advance.

Helen Ferguson, past chair of the Elderly Services Advisory Committee (ESAC), said the need for transportation for seniors and the disabled "is something ESAC has been yapping about for a good many years now."

Carol Fendley, day program co-ordinator at Allen-



The North Halton Rides project was launched at the Allendale Long Term Care Facility on Friday. On hand for the launch were, from left, Glenn Court, program consultant, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, program consultant Annabelle Esguerra, Elderly Services Advisory Committee member Helen Ferguson, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, and Acton seniors representative Shirley Broostad. Photo by Ashley Camara

dale, said up until now, there have been days clients have had no way of getting to the long-term care centre for the

program. "There's times they want to come but can't," Fendley said. For more information or to

register for the program, call the Milton Red Cross at 905-875-1459.

—By Stephanie Thiessen, special

Arrest warrant issued in theft of poppy box

Halton Police have issued a warrant for the arrest of a man in connection with the November 6 theft of a poppy box containing \$300.

The box was stolen from a veteran's display in Georgetown Market Place when the attendant's back was turned. The incident was captured on security video.

The box was later found, but the money has not been recovered.

Wanted for theft under \$5,000 and failing to

comply with an undertaking is Christopher Day-foot, 19, of no fixed address.

A 17-year-old Georgetown girl was picked up by police in connection with the theft. She wasn't charged, but was placed in a diversion program.

A Halton Hills man was charged with impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after a collision at Trafalgar Rd. and Steeles Ave. Monday evening.

Charged is Leonide Godin, 47, of Steeles Ave.

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NOTICE OF AN OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

Proposed Telecommunication Tower
Town of Halton Hills File No. D11/Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. in cooperation with Halton Hills Fibre Optics Inc. and Hummingbird Wireless will conduct an open house information session regarding the proposed telecommunication tower and related facilities to be located at 13417 Fifth Line, Halton Hills in the former Township of Esquesing. The following information will be provided.

- The proposed structure's location
- The proposed structure's height
- Basis for the proposed location
- Estimated area serviced
- Potential benefits of the proposed structure and its services

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. has submitted a Site Plan Application to the Town of Halton Hills for approval. A location map of the proposed site is shown below.

Further information regarding the site plan application for the proposed tower is available in the Planning Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario L7G 5G2.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, November 30, 2005
7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
43 Alice Street
Acton, Ontario L7J 2A9

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- Choose a tree that is very green and does not lose needles when you tap it on the ground.
- Cut 1"-2" off the trunk for optimal water absorption and place the tree in a clean, sturdy stand with water.
- Check the water level of the tree stand every day.
- Keep the tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.